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"SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL"
AT THE
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On the EVENING of MONDAY,
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Admission (by Tickets only), \$2. Places may be secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co's at Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Instant.
Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to Commence PUNCTUALLY at 9 o'clock.
Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de30

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform
"THE SORCERER"
AT THE
CITY HALL THEATRE,
On THURSDAY,
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W. WHEELER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, December 17, 1879. jai3

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To-day's Advertisements.

A GREAT THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE will take place in the TUNG HING THEATRE, T O - M O R R O W (Wednesday) NIGHT,

When the OHIM CHUNG FUI COM- PANY will appear. The Entertainment to commence at 10 o'clock.

On the Evening of THURSDAY, the 25th, A WAR-LIKE PERFORMANCE—all the In- struments real Weapons, used in Battle.

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The TUNG HING THEATRE has recently been newly fitted with magnificent Chinese lanterns and is now brilliantly illuminated. There will be a Grand display of Flowers. These special performances of great ex- cellence are to be given on the occasion of the Foreign and Chinese Christmas. Admission, First-class, ... \$1. Commencing every night at 10 o'clock. Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Company's Steamship "MENELAUS," Captain E. BILLINGS, will be despatched on or about the 1st January, 1880. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the 27th Instant (SATURDAY), the BUSINESS of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION will be Carried on at No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, Central, the Premises lately occupied by the AGRA BANK.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager. Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

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THE CHINESE REPOSITORY, 1892-51, complete. The Chinese and Japanese Repository, 1863-65, 3 vols. Notes and Queries on China and Japan, 1867-70, 4 vols. The China Review, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, Vols. I and II. Transactions of the China Branch of the R. A. Society, Hongkong, 1848-59, 6 Parts. Journal of the N. C. Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, from 1858 to 1878 (also Vol. I, containing Journal of the Shanghai Literary and Scientific Society). Answer to "H.J.H.T.," China Mail Office. Hongkong, December 23, 1879. de30

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received in- structions from Messrs ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., to sell by Public Auc- tion (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract), on

THURSDAY, the 8th of January, 1880, at 2 p.m., on Board—The GERMAN BRIG "CARL," of 225 Registered Tons, as she now lies at anchor off Yow-mah-tee, with all her MASTS, SAILS, and INVENTORY, complete. For further Particulars, apply to Messrs Arnhold, Karberg & Co.; or, to the Auc- tioneer. TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. F. RAPE, Auctioneer. Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1879. jai3

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 23, Churruca, Spanish steamer, 398, R. de Haros, Iloilo Dec. 18, Sugar.—REMEDIOS & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 23, Jessie McDonald, for London. 23, Queen of India, for London. 23, Thoon Kramon, for Bangkok. 23, Kingchow, for Hoihow. 23, Belled Will, for Cebu. 23, China, for Ningpo and Shanghai. 23, Hongkong, for Manila.

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Yotung, for Swatow. Iphigenia, for New York. Komulus, for Manila. Hiram Emery, for Singapore.

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DEPARTED.

Per Diamante, for Manila, Mr St. C. Valsey, and 82 Chinese. Per Kingchow, for Hoihow, 42 Chinese.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.—Per barque Gartmorn, at 7.30 a.m. To- morrow, the 24th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.—Per Douglas, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

For HIOGO, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGA- SAKI.—Per Takasago Maru, at 5 p.m., on Fri- day, the 26th inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per Rajanathunhar, at 5 p.m., on Fri- day, the 26th inst.

For SAIGON.—Per Bonny, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th inst., instead of as pre- viously notified.

For SAIGON.—Per Olympia, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 29th inst.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko- hama and San Francisco. Crusader leaves for Port Darwin, Cook- town, &c., on or about this date. 11 p.m.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Tenders Close. Noon.—Tenders for Building Quarters received at Naval Store Office.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Ware, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sales Rooms.

Amusement.

10 p.m.—Theatrical Performance at the Tung Hing Theatre.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 1879.

THE Cabinet Council which was sum- moned for Friday last, the 19th inst., to "discuss the situation in Afghanistan" has now a difficult and apparently a serious "situation" to consider. This may be said in a political as well as a party sense, for the delay of a settlement in Afghan must materially affect the prospects of the Conservative Cabinet. It is not pleasant to hear that the British reinforcements are obstructed, and that the telegraphic communication with Cabul is interrupted. Still less pleasant is it to learn the sad loss in officers and men that attended the last fight, although it was a victory over great odds. But, in view of the careful preparations that were being made, the collection of supplies at Cabul, and the unwavering belief we entertain of the staunchness of our troops, it is at least reasonable to entertain a lively hope that all will yet go well with British arms in that unsettled country.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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We are informed that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Menelaus, from Liverpool, left Singapore this morning for Hongkong.

The P. & O. steamer Bokhara, we are informed by the Superintendent, left Singa- pore for this port at 9 o'clock this morning.

THE case in which a soldier of the 27th Inniskillings and a Chinaman are accused of having committed an unnatural offence was again before the Magistrates this morning and was further remanded till to-morrow.

THE French mail will be closed at the same hours as were notified last week for the English Mail. A memorandum of these hours is given elsewhere. As an experi- ment, however, the Post Office will to- morrow be kept open till 5.30 in the afternoon, giving half an hour's grace and the closing of the posting of correspondence coming from offices who are hard at work till 5 o'clock.

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By the arrival of the Churruca from Iloilo, we learn that an extremely severe typhoon took place at Cebu, on the 12th inst. Very few particulars are to hand as yet, but from the facts reported the hurricanes must have been of terrific force. Among the vessels wreck- ed are the American ship Twilight, the British barque Hopewell and the French barque Marie; but no mention is made of any loss of life. A large number of houses are said to have been blown down, and all the coasting vessels in the harbour at the time are said to have been wrecked. The steamer Sorogon left Cebu about two hours before the hurricane commenced and having anchored outside escaped serious damage. She then proceeded to Iloilo, from which place the Churruca brings the intelligence to this port. The tidal wave would appear to have assumed very considerable dimen- sions and to have caused great destruction, our information going to show that large quantities of sugar stored in go-downs on shore have been destroyed by that mean.

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are not only amusing but are fraught with much inconvenience to the steamers' officers as well as to the tidewaiters or seachers in the Customs department. It is well known that every facility is given to the Customs officials to discover the object of their search, and it not infrequently happens that the coal-bunkers are thoroughly emptied under the correct or mistaken impression that the coal is mixed with balls of opium. When this is done, and no opium is found, the task of replacing the coal falls upon the crest- fallen excisemen, and this would appear to be a rather unpopular piece of duty. It so happened, therefore, a few days ago, that the steamer White Cloud arrived at Canton on her usual trip from Macao, and the coal-bunkers were thoroughly overhauled by the eager searchers after the drug. As no opium was likely to reward the Customs agents, it is said that a bold scheme suggested itself of ingeniously introducing a couple of balls into the said bunkers, so as to avoid the disagreeable necessity of re- placing the coal. While the unloading was being proceeded with, therefore, two balls of the drug were being quietly smuggled on board by one of the cus- toms folks; but, horrible to relate, the anti- smuggling smuggler was caught in the act, and the neat little scheme collapsed because of its clumsy promoter. As we have said, the incident, though not in itself highly criminal, is very sugges- tive, as indicating the character of some of those engaged in the lower ranks of the Customs service. We have every reason to believe that this would-be smuggling gentleman was fully reminded of the error of his ways by Commis- sioner McKean, and that there is a strong probability that a dodge of the same kind will not be attempted by any one for some time to come.

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the Vencedora, which vessel has been re- cently under repair. There was also some of the ship's gear, but the ship's furniture and a number of the men had already gone back on board the vessel, the work on which is now completed. The Iron Duke, the Victor Emmanuel and the Egeria all sent men on shore at once, and they were, from being so near the scene of the fire, promptly there. Even before their arrival the Vencedora's men had pulled down the sheds to prevent the conflagration spreading and with the Dock hand pump had done something to put out the fire. The whole af- fair was over in less than an hour. Inspector Cameron, from You Mah Ti, and Inspector Matheson of the Water Police were on the spot smartly and contributed in no small degree to the prompt suppression of the conflagration. Inspector Orley of the Fire Brigade was present, but the fire it was seen from the beginning was of such a nature as could be dealt with by means at hand, and there was no necessity for calling out the Brigade.

THE following dignified grumble appears in the Hio-go News of the date Dec. 6th:—

Complaints have been rife "around town" because the Takasago-maru did not bring on the Kobe portion of the French mail; which, if we are not misinformed, left Hongkong on the same day as the Takasago sailed, but by way of Yokohama, thus entailing a delay of several days in the receipt of our mails in Kobe. The recently-effected transfer of the manipulation of the Hongkong mails from the British to the Japanese postal authorities—technically, this is not yet accomplished—has no doubt something to do with the matter, but there is every reason to believe that as soon as things have shaken them- selves down such a cause of complaint will not again arise. Mr. Lister is, as all who know him will agree, most anxious to do what he can to accommodate the public. There are naturally difficulties in the way, not only in connection with the change in the medium through which correspondence at this end is to be received and distributed, but also in connection with the conveyance of letters through the agency of the recently established line. The advantages of the latter, in point of economy of time, are so great that the public naturally feel annoyed at missing the opportunity of getting their home correspondence some days earlier than they will now do.

It may be interesting to explain how the mail forming the basis of this complaint was not sent on, and it may appear our esteemed contemporary and tone down the wrath of the Hio-go people to know how the glaring injustice from which they suf- fered was effected. In the Post Office there used to be a rule under which the weight of every mail sent by Sea Service was noted to a nicety, and accounts balanced every month between the Po. Offices by which these mails were con- veyed. This system was cumbersome and the public were the sufferers inas- much as the latest hour for posting had to be made earlier than it would otherwise have been, by the necessity that existed for weighing to an ounce all the mails. This old-fashioned style of things was abolished by the Treaty and in its place came the system of making a strict account for one month an average for two years. The day of the arrival of the French mail here was included in this statistical month and it was hardly to be expected that the Postmaster General would, for the sake of one or two days early delivery of the Hio-go mail, allow the heavy consignments of letters and papers to go on then by the Mitsui Bishi steamer. The mails were forwarded in the usual way to allow of the average month being something like a fair criterion of the two years' work. This was the only course open which was fair to all parties interested. Had the means been taken which would have most expeditiously sent the English mail on to Hio-go, a fair balance of all accounts would have been prevented and much departmental irregularity and confu- sion have been the result. The Hio-go folks, we hope, will not grumble more. They have been well served since, the last mail having gone direct, and this week's French mail going too by the M. B. steamer, if it is in time.

This annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China was held at the Freemasons' Hall last evening, 22nd inst., when a gathering of the brethren assembled under the presidency of the Very Worshipful D. D. Grand Master (C. P. Chater). After the usual formal business was disposed of, the D. D. G. M., address- ing the Brethren, said they would be glad to learn that the health of their Right Worshipful Grand Master (T. G. Linthead) was steadily improving, although he had been seriously ill on his passage to Eng- land. The death of the Hon. W. T. Mercer, who for many years filled the post of Dis- trict Grand Master for China, was next referred to in feeling terms, and a letter of condolence to Mrs. Mercer was unanimously voted; while the D. D. G. M. passed a high tribute on the character and labours of their late R. W. Brother. It was next stated that, in conformity with instructions from the Grand Lodge of England, the Lodge St. John, S. C. had been fully recog- nised, and the Worshipful Master had been duly installed here; he now hoped that the Lodge would all work in harmony, and

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per dozen.
At the "China Mail" Office.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, December 20, 1879. ja20

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., AGENTS.

FOR SALE, Large and Small COAL.
Apply at the OFFICES, No. 7, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL; or to
THOS. G. GLOVER, East Point.
Hongkong, December 1, 1879. ja1

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)
PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE
IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.
Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely
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Orders should be sent to GEO. MURRAY
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Street, not later than the evening before the
departure of the English Mail Steamer.
Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily
China Mail.

Intimations.



TENDERS will be RECEIVED at this
Office up to Noon on the 24th
Instant, for Building QUARTERS for a
STOREMAN at the Kowloon Naval Yard, in
accordance with Plan, Specification and
Conditions to be seen on Application to the
Undersigned.
The lowest or any Tender will not neces-
sarily be accepted.

WILLIAM HYNES,
For Naval Storekeeper.
Naval Store Office,
Royal Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1879. de24

REGATTA AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE undermentioned Banks will close
on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the
25th and 26th instant, and THURSDAY
the 1st January, being public holidays.
For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"
GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of
India, London and China,"
H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China,"
E. G. MOBERLY, Acting Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"
E. SCHWEILLIN, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation,"
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"
R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1879. ja2

YEUNG CHUN CHONG.—I was a

Steward on board the *Princess Charlotte*
nearly 15 Years. The Dr. (Barnett)
had shown me to make MILK PUNCH WINE,
and I have followed doing the same and
used Superior Materials or Stuff which is
made by Dr. Barnett, which may be drunk
at any time without pernicious effect. Now
I wish to be established on shore.—No. 62,
WELLINGTON STREET.
QUAN CHEONG.
Hongkong, December 2, 1879. ja2

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 20th Inst.
until the 3rd Proximo, both days included.
A. NEWTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 4, 1879. ja3

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS
GODOWNS, under European supervision;
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the
Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick
despatch. Also entire GODOWNS to be let.
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, December 4, 1879. ja4

LOST.

A SMALL Black and Tan TERRIER,
answers to the name of "PUNCH."
Small white spot on breast.
\$5 Reward will be given.
Address: No. 12, Praya East.
Hongkong, November 18, 1879.

LOST.

A PARCEL of MANILA LOTTERY
TICKETS ex *Emeralda* from
MANILA, November 11th, containing the
following Numbers, for the December
drawing:—

28 Tickets,.....No.	1,940 @	1,962
23 " "	2,623 "	2,645
23 " "	3,768 "	3,790
23 " "	4,397 "	4,419
23 " "	5,848 "	5,870
24 " "	6,196 "	6,219
24 " "	7,790 "	7,813
24 " "	8,479 "	8,502
24 " "	9,081 "	9,104
24 " "	10,471 "	10,494
24 " "	11,496 "	11,519

The Manila Government have been notified
of the Loss, and any Prizes which may
be drawn on the above Tickets will not be
paid.
The Finder will be suitably Rewarded, if
necessary, by Returning the package to the
Undersigned.
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, November 29, 1879.

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

MR. J. F. SHUSTER begs to announce
that he carries on from this Date
the above Establishment, as a First-CLASS
HOTEL. The House is now being TROU-
ROUGHERY RENOVATED and RE-FURNISHED.
Mr SHUSTER hopes by strict attention
to Business, and by supplying the BEST of
LIQUORS, to merit a share of Public Patron-
age. The house has AMPLE ACCOMMODATION
for BOARDERS, who will meet with every
comfort. The Table will be of the Best and
the Charges strictly Moderate. The Proprietor
will be at all times ready to
supply PICNIC PARTIES and to provide
DINNERS for PARTIES of SIX and upwards
on very REASONABLE TERMS.

THE BOWLING ALLEYS ARE TO BE
RE-LAID.

English and American
BILLIARD TABLES.

TIFFIN at ONE; DINNER at SEVEN.

WINE AND SPIRITS
Of the BEST QUALITY.

ORIENTAL HOTEL,
J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, November 5, 1879. tf

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point,
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE above School will be Opened in
St. PAUL'S COLLEGE on MONDAY,
JANUARY 6th.

Hours (for the present) 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.
Fee, \$3 per month, payable in advance.
Applications for Admission should be
made at once to the Right Rev. Bishop
Burton.

By Order of the Committee,
A. LISTER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, December 17, 1879. de31

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSO-

CIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agree-
ment, the Directors have declared a
DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the
FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st Decem-
ber 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT.
ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED,
payable at our OFFICE on and after the
15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in
particulars of their Contributions.
By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879. ja1

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately
added an Extensive MACHINE
SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former
Advantages of these Docks.
THE DIMENSIONS of the Dock are:—460
Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Or-
dinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft.
Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 40c80

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr HENRY
PRINCE TENNANT to Sign the
Name of our Firm at Foochow.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de29

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED
on the 23rd September A.C.
Mr C. STIEBEL is authorized to Sign
our Firm.

REISS & Co.,
Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.
Hongkong, October 3, 1879. ja3

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER,
Dr EASTLACK will receive his
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,
No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the
MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established him-
self at the Premises formerly occupied
by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's
Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER
COMMISSION AGENT.
All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be
fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.
G. R. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN
SHIPPING.
Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 3sc80

NOTICES to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "TAKASAGO MARU," FROM
Kobe and YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading for countersignature,
and take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-
maining on board after TUESDAY, the
23rd Instant, will be landed and stored at
Consignees' expense and risk.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.

MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. Co.,
6, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, December 22, 1879. de29

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Anadyr.
D M & Co. 245/8, Order, 4 cases Mer-
(in heart) chandise, from London.

K W 11 Messrs Kelly and Walsh, 1 case
Books, from Marseilles.

S P Order, 145 bags Sharp Stone, from
Madras.

J J Mr J. J. Lantier, 2 cases Merchan-
dise, from Saigon.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

E.M.P.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNES-
DAY, the 24th December, at 3 p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Freights will be received on board until 4
p.m., the 23rd December. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.,
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 20, 1879. de24

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. TAKASAGO MARU, Capt.
YOUNG, due here on or about the
22nd Instant, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 27th Dec., at Day-
light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 6 p.m. of 26th Dec.
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE.....Cabin \$30, Steerage \$15.
" YOKOHAMA & " Do. \$75. Do. \$20.
" NAGASAKI....." Do. \$75. Do. \$20.

A Reduction is made on RETURN CABIN
PASSAGES.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's OFFICES, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. de27



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
VIA BOMBAY.

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship
PESHAWUR, Captain C. A. WHITE, will
leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 31st
Instant, at 11 p.m.

Tea and General Cargo for London will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
ment, arriving one week later than by the
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at
Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. ja1

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

AND
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. GAELIC will be despatch-
ed for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on WEDNESDAY, January 14th, 1880, at
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to
Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central
and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 13th January. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN Pas-
sage Tickets.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, December 4, 1879. ja13

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES.

ALSO,
BOMBAY, COLOMBO, MAHE, ST.
DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th December,
1879, at 11 p.m., the Company's
S. S. OXUS, Commandant RAPATTEL,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
10 a.m.

Cargo will be received on board until
Noon, Specie and Parcels until 2 p.m. on
the 24th December, 1879. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de25

To Let.

THE BASEMENT of HOUSE, No. 4,
Praya East, MARINE LOT No. 65
(formerly known as the "Blue Houses,"
with possession on 1st January, proximo.
Apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, December 1, 1879. ja1

"ROSE VILLAS"—EAST.
SIX ROOMS, upon BONHAM and
ROBINSON ROADS. GAS, WATER,
FLOWER and VEGETABLE GARDEN, STABLE
and TENNIS LAWN.
Apply to
SHARP & DANBY,
No. 6, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GO-
DOWN, Situated upon MARINE LOT
10. Possession from 1st December next.
Also,—the TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and
16, Stanley Street, now in the occupation
of the TEMPERANCE HALL. Possession
from 1st December.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

STORAGE.